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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD MISSION: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

REF STATE 46990

1. POLCOUNS PRESENTED DRAFT TEXT OF PROPOSED US NOTE CONCERNING SFM PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (MINUS PARA 6 PER STATE 48160) TO DIRECTOR, MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT FAWZI IBRASHI ON FEBRUARY 28. IBRASHI SAID HE WOULD NEED TIME TO STUDY DRAFT TEXT, BUT WOULD LIKE IMMEDIATE CLARIFICATION ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) INCLUSION IN PARA 1 OF QUOTE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF SUCH PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT EGYPTIAN NATIONALS AND WILL RESIDE TEMPORARILY IN EGYPT. UNQUOTE. IBRASHI SAID OCTOBER 13, 1975 AGREEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE MEMBERS OF FAMILIES. HE DID NOT BELIEVE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION AND CUSTOMS DUTIES WOULD PRESENT PROBLEM SINCE THESE PRIVILEGES COULD BE GRANTED IN NAME OF HUSBANDS. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT THEY COULD BE FORMALLY GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURISDICTION.

B) CLARIFICATION RE MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE OF PARA 7

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AND WHAT TYPE OF PASSAGE WAS REFERRED TO. HE IS

PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT USE OF WORD "UNIMPEDED".
HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GRANT SINCE IT
IMPLIED WAIVING OF INDIVIDUAL GOE AUTHORIZATIONS
FOR AIRCRAFT, SHIP AND VEHICLE PASSAGE. HE DID NOT THINK
EXEMPTION FROM FEES OR CHARGES WOULD PRESENT ANY PROBLEM.
C) WOULD SFM PERSONNEL REQUIRE VISAS EACH TIME THEY
REENTERED EGYPT AFTER HAVING DEPARTED SINAI BY ROUTE
OTHER THAN EGYPT? AS DEPT AWARE, GOE DOES NOT NORMALLY
GRANT MULTIPLE REENTRY VISAS. POLCOUNS INDICATED THIS
WAS MATTER FOR EGYPTIANS TO DETERMINE.

2. IBRASHI HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON REMAINDER OF NOTE,
BUT URGED EARLY CLARIFICATION OF ABOVE POINTS. HE
CLAIMED HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO PRESENT NOTE TO HIS SUPERIORS
UNTIL HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THEIR SIGNIFICANCE.
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